



The Token Hunter

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National Utah Token Society

Dedicated to the collecting, recording and preserving of Utah's historical medals, tokens, coins and bottles

President's Message



Hello friends. I hope everyone had a great Independence Day and life is treating you well! The heat of summer is sure on and making hunting a challenge. Remember, that dry soil can affect your detector's performance and it may well be worth your time to experiment with your settings. Also, don't forget the dangers of heat injuries. Be sure to stay hydrated, use sunscreen and take plenty of shade breaks. Nature's nasty little critters are very active right now. If you are out in the hills or ghost towns, give plenty of thought to ticks, snakes, scorpions and the like! Before I forget, at the July meeting, we will be meeting in the auditorium of the Columbus school due to a scheduling error with our normal room. As I write this, we are firming up our guest speaker and are planning to have a presentation from Greg Neel from the Gold Ore Store. I'd also like to add another thank you to Dave Jenkins for his fantastic presentation at our June meeting. See everyone on the 26th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Mike



Dave Jenkins



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Don't forget about the drawing we will
have lots of great prizes



Don't forget about the
drawing we will have lots of
great prizes including coins,
tokens and **GOLD!**

Finds of the month so bring your
treasures in that you have found this
month

**Please bring in
any Library books
that you have
checked out**

Miscellaneous club news

Next Club Meeting
July 26 2012 7:00 PM
Columbus Community Center
2531 So. 400 E. SLC.



May Finds of the Month Winners

The Lincoln cent has been minted since 1909, and is the first cent to have "In God We Trust" on it. It has turned into an American classic.

This coin was issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of President Lincoln's birthday. It features the longest continuous use of the same basic front design of any United State's coin in history.

The designer's name is Victor David Brenner. His design features Lincoln's profile originally had his initials between the wheat ears on the first design of the rear "knows as wheat back penny" 1910 thru 1918 they removed his initials, and now are below the profile of Lincoln on the front of the penny. In world war Two the United States needed copper for the war effort and in 1943 they made the penny out of Zinc "also knows as the steal penny" and in 1944 thru 1946 they used salvaged shell cases to make the penny this gave them a slightly different color.

In 1959, on Lincoln's 150th birthday anniversary, the reverse of the cent was changed and the Lincoln Memorial took the place of the wheat back cent design. The cent is made out of almost pure copper. In 1974, the United States tried to make the cent out of Aluminum, producing 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ million cents. However, they were never released into circulation, and soon were melted down only preserving a few, which are on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC. The price of copper made the cent worth more in copper than face value and they started making the cent out of zinc with copper sandwiched and that is how it continues today.

In 2009 the reverse of the cent had four different designs to commemorate Lincoln's life the first is Lincoln's birth in Kentucky, second is formative years in Indiana, Third is professional life in Illinois, and forth is presidency in Washington DC. These four cents are very collectable and you will not see very many cents in circulation today.

James Staker

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